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**Pink Ketchum Kurl-Lock #3 tag (OVI-07-01) revoked from CSIP effective immediately**

Ottawa, ON (November 23, 2017) – Earlier today, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency officially revoked the Ketchum Kurl-Lock #3 tag (OVI-07-01) with published updates to the list of animal indicators approved under the Livestock Identification and Traceability (TRACE) program. In a news release issued September 15th, the Canadian Sheep Federation notified Canadian sheep farmers and ranchers that the pink metal Ketchum Kurl-Lock #3 tag was poised to be revoked from the Canadian Sheep Identification Program (CSIP), in preparation for today's announcement.

Now that the Ketchum Kurl-Lock tag is officially revoked, producers are reminded that an animal may not be shipped from its current location bearing only the pink Ketchum tag. A new, currently approved, CSIP tag will need to be added to animals leaving their current premises even if they have a pink Ketchum tag in their ear. You will also need to report the new tag number to Canadian Cattle Identification Agency (CCIA) along with the number of the pink tag already on the animal. You **MAY NOT** remove a pink metal Ketchum tag from a sheep or lamb even after the tag has been revoked, it is illegal.

For more information about the Canadian Sheep Identification Program, visit the Canadian Sheep Federation's website at: [www.cansheep.ca](http://www.cansheep.ca) or give us a call at 888.684.7739.

For detailed information about regulated national animal identification programs, including up to date lists of approved identifiers for all regulated species, visit the Canadian Food Inspection Agency website: <http://inspection.gc.ca/animals/terrestrial-animals/traceability/indicators/eng/1331582406844/1331582476216>

To report information to the CSIP database, including the application of a new tag to an animal with a pink metal Ketchum Kurl-Lock tag, access your online account at <https://www.clia.livestockid.ca/CLTS/secure/user/home.do>. If you're having trouble accessing your online account, give CCIA a call at 877.909.2333.